

The Cromwell Argus

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestas, by approved makers
Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Raisins: Muscats, Sultanas, and Elemes
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tiers and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes Cut Tobaccoes, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Port: Lemon Hart's
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2
Hock: Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guiness's, and Colonial
Cordials: assorted
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crèmeans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels: Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers
Cocoa and felt mattings
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' GROCERY QUOTATIONS.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s 6d

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Sultanas, 8d per lb

Muscates, 1s 3d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 6d per lb

Elemes, 7d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 14s per box

Three-crown Soap, 17s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Lobsters, 11d per tin
Salmon, 1s per tin
Oysters, 7d per tin
Pickles, 1s per bottle
Candles 11d per lb
Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin
Marmalade, 11d per tin
Figs, 1s 6d per box

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Watertights, Elastic Sides and Lace-ups, Colonial Made, 16s 6d and 17s 6d.

Ladies' and Children's Boots (Copper Toes), 6s.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

Having already retired from our other up-country Stores, we have, now that our Mr Arndt is leaving the district, also decided to

GIVE UP OUR CROMWELL BRANCH.

THE WHOLE STOCK,

Consisting of

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, GROCERY, ETC.,

(Being the Largest and Best in any up-country town,) will be sold at prices that, we believe, will induce the people of the

Cromwell and Dunstan District to make large purchases.

THE PREMISES,

Which would make a first-class Hotel (unless let or sold privately), will be sold by auction.

Persons desirous of purchasing a portion or the whole of the Business will be liberally dealt with.

Also,

VALUABLE SECTIONS AND BUILDINGS,

The Property of Mr Arndt, are in the market, and if not sold privately, will be offered by auction.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.

W. TALBOYS'

PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &c.

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Good Winceys, 10d, 11d and 1s

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

Double-width Plaid, 2s 6d

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s the dress

Black and Colored Lustres, 1s 2d

New Prints, fast colors, 6d, 8d and 10d

Newest patterns in Muslins, 10d and 11d

Latest fashions in Costumes, 17s 6d

Horrock's Calico, 36in, 6s 6d per doz.; Un-

bleached, 6s

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 13s per doz.

Blankets, all colors, from 15s

Brown Holland, 8d, 10d and 1s

Linen Diaper, 1s, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Fancy Linen Checks, 11d

Best Flannel, 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s

Muslin Curtains, 8s 6d the set

Tweed, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Floorcloths

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, in Colonial and English Tweeds and make

Suits, 37s 6d, 40s, 45s and 50s

Drill Suits, 25s

Trowsers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s and 27s 6d

Trowsers, Tweed, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s and 18 6d

Coats, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s and 30s; Pilot Cloth, 20s, 25s, and 27s 6d; Holland, 6s 6d and 8s 6d; Silk, 22s 6d

White Moles, 8s 6d; Colored, 10s 6d

Knit Drawers, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Mosgiel, 9s 6d; Serge, 7s 6d; Cotton and Merino, 3s, 3s 6d and 4s

Shirts—Flannel, 6s, 6s 6d and 7s 6d; Shepherd's Plaid, 7s 6d, 8s 6d and 9s 6d; Crimean, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Linen, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.

Boys' Colored Moles, 7s.

MILLINERY, UNDERCLOTHING, FISCHUES AND FANCY GOODS

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Cromwell



N O T I C E.
The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts—

CLYDE—January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" February 6, 13, 20 and 27
" March 6, 13, 20 and 27
" April 3, 10, 17 and 24
" May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
" June 5, 12, 19 and 26

CROMWELL—January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
" February 7, 14, 21 and 28
" March 7, 14, 21 and 28
" April 4, 11, 18 and 25
" May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" June 6, 13, 20 and 27

ALEXANDRA—January 13
" February 10
" March 10
" April 7
" May 5
" June 2 and 30

[The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]

ROXBURGH—January 7
" February 4
" March 4
" April 1 and 29
" May 27
" June 24

BLACKS—January 14
" February 11
" March 11
" April 8
" May 6
" June 3.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden and R.M.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH-BUILDER,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. PRESTON C. H.
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,
where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

E. MURRAY, L.
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
Suez Mail, his
first consignment of
SILVER HUNTING
LEVER
WATCHES
direct from the
can with confidence recommend them to the
public both as regards finish and accuracy of
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-
celled in the colony.

E. M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRAY, L.
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

DOCTOR THOMAS
(from Collins and Lonsdale-streets, Mel-
bourne) may be consulted at his rooms, Octagon,
Dunedin, north-east corner, next Working Men's
Club. Consulting hours from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.
Sunday included.

Young, middle-aged and elderly men suffering
from Debility of the Generative System,
Nervous, Skin and Contagious Diseases should
consult the Doctor personally or by letter, enclosing
stamps for a reply.

The following nominations have been passed
by Dr Thomas:—Licentiate Royal College of
Physicians, London, 1864; Doctor of Medicine,
University of Giessen, Germany, 1871; Member
of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1859;
and Licentiate in Midwifery, 1864.

Cases of Medicine forwarded to any part of
New Zealand.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE
COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Agent, Cromwell.

SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL ... £750,000.

With unlimited liability of Shareholders.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JOHN DAVIE, Esq. (Messrs M'Landress, Hep-
burn, and Co.)

JAMES MILLS, Esq., Manager Union Steam
Ship Company.

JAMES RATTRAY, Esq. (Messrs J. Rattray and
Co.)

GEORGE TURNBULL, Esq. (Messrs W. and G.
Turnbull and Co.)

CROMWELL AGENTS: D. A. JOLLY & Co.

The popularity of the South British among
the insuring public is best shown by the large
and steady increase in its business.

FIRST YEAR'S PREMIUM RECEIPTS ... £34,032

SECOND DO. DO. 69,041

THIRD DO. DO. 95,184

Every description of Fire Insurance business
undertaken. The liberality and promptness in
settlement which have been important features
in securing the above rapid progress still characterise
the South British.

Every information supplied by

D. A. JOLLY & CO.,
Agents, Cromwell.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding
districts that, having now completed the
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with
machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills
in complete working order with the best applicances
obtainable and are prepared to supply
Manufactured Timber of every description;
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY,
Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.

Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.

Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,
Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K. M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron
Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a
CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and
Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARM-
ERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS

Having purchased the business as General Black-
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-
ried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the
public that he is in a position to execute every
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS, AND GENERAL
STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in
intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which
will be found to compare most favorably as to
price with those of any establishment on the
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made
arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they
have entered into arrangements for the regular
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an
advantage which they feel sure their customers
will fully appreciate.

A. G. WATSON
(Late Watson and Gow),

Begs respectfully to inform his numerous friends
and the public generally that he has commenced
Business as General Blacksmith and Wheel-
wright in the premises occupied by the late
firm, and trusts, by attention and making none
but first-class articles, to merit a share of public
patronage. Town and country orders punctually
attended to.—Princes-street south, Dunedin.

Miscellaneous.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,
Supply First-class
SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND
POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,
cannot be excelled in the Colony.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his
Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Lukes),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

C O B B A N D C O .'S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE,
Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & CO.,
Proprietors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

Impurity of the Blood.—Entebed
Existence.

This medicine embraces every attribute required
in a general and domestic remedy; it
overturns the foundation of disease laid by
defective food and impure air. In obstruction or
congestion of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any
other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable
and eminently successful. They should be
kept in readiness in every family, being a
medicine of incomparable utility for young
persons, particularly to those of feeble constitutions.

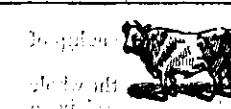
Biliousness, Loss of Appetite, Headache
and Lowness of Spirits.

These Pills effect a truly wonderful change in
debilitated constitutions, as they create a healthy
appetite, correct indigestion, remove excess of
bile, and overcome giddiness, headache, and
palpitation of the heart.

Mothers and Daughters.

If there is one thing more than another for
which these pills are

Cromwell 2000ft above sea level.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* * * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.

**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**

J. SCOTT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

T H O M A S F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,
C R O M W E L L.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

C R O M W E L L C O A L P I T.

EDWARD M'NULTY,
Having re-opened the above Pit, has determined to

REDUCE THE PRICE OF COAL

TO

24s PER TON,

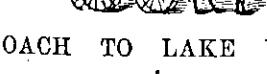
Delivered at his Customers' Residences in Cromwell, on and after

SATURDAY, 1ST MARCH.

ED. M'NULTY,

Cromwell Coal Pit.

GEORGE JENOUR, Agent.

**COACH TO LAKE WANAKA.**

KIDD'S MAIL COACH

Leaves Goodger's Hotel, Cromwell,

FOR LAKE WANAKA

Every

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Morning, at 7 o'clock, returning the following day.

Booking Office for Passengers and Parcels:

GOODGER'S HOTEL, CROMWELL.

H o t e l s

KIRTEBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

R. ANDERSON ... Proprietor.

The above well-known hotel has recently been refitted, and now affords the most comfortable accommodation.

Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best brands.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,)

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,

Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,

with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

Miscellaneous.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERTON STREET, CLYDE,

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:

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| Stabling, per night | 6s |
| Single Feed | 2s |
| Meals and Bed, each | 2s |
| Board and Lodging, per week | 30s |
| Board only | 20s |

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

WAKATIPU STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE NEW S. S. MOUNTAINEER,

Captain T. PATERSON,

Carrying H.M. Mails, will Leave

QUEENSTOWN FOR KINGSTON

DAILY, at 9.30 a.m.,

Meeting the Invercargill Train, and Returning

to Queenstown at 2.30 p.m.

The Directors, having REDUCED the rates hitherto ruling on all kinds of Freight, hope to secure thereby the greatest share of the Lake traffic, and draw the attention of the Travelling Public to the Superior Passenger Accommodation and the high rate of speed of this splendid Boat.

Goods for the Arrow District stored here until the Frankton Agency is established.

The Public are invited to avail themselves of the Season Tickets issued by the Company.

For particulars, apply to the Captain or the undersigned.

LEWIS HOTOP,

Manager.

Queenstown, February 13th, 1879.

N O T I C E

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.

AND

WILLIAMS & ARCHER

Have much pleasure in informing the Public that, owing to the extraordinary increase of traffic on the Lake since the completion of the Railway, they have decided to run their powerful

Paddle-steamer

ANTERIM

And their clipper-built Screw-steamer

JANE WILLIAMS,

As hitherto (Thrice Weekly)

To and from Kingston at a reduced rate of

TWELVE SHILLINGS & SIXPENCE PER TON

Delivered either at QUEENSTOWN or

FRANKTON, the Agent's Charges at Kingston

included in the above-referred-to freight.

FARM PRODUCE

From FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN to KINGSTON

at 7s 6d per ton (exclusive of Agent's charges

at Kingston).

WOOL AND HIDES

To KINGSTON, 14s per ton (inclusive of Agent's charges at Kingston).

PASSENGERS' FARE

To and from KINGSTON, 5s each Passenger.

Passengers returning the same day charged

Single Fare.

J. W. ROBERTSON & Co., having every facility for continuing the business in the same efficient manner as hitherto, will still continue to bestow the same attention to Goods consigned to them. They request the Consignees to instruct their correspondents to address their Goods to the care of

J. W. ROBERTSON & Co.,

Queenstown.

Queenstown, the 4th day of March, 1879.

Miscellaneous.

N O T I C E

After this date, POISON will be laid for DOGS on Runs 459 and 461, being Dingle Station.

TIMOTHY COTTER.

December 18, 1878.

F O R S A L E,
At Ardgour Station,
5000 full-mouthed EWES.

Delivery on or about 21st March.

JOHN DEWAR,

Manager.

F O R S A L E,
4000 full-mouthed WETHERS
4000 do EWES

Immediate delivery.—Apply to

A. M'PHAIL,

Manager Morven Hills Station.

F O R S A L E,
Valuable FARM, being four of the choicest Sections in the Mount Barker Block.

Terms very liberal, extending, if desired, over three or four years.

Particulars on application, personally or by letter, to

OWEN O'NEILL,

THOMAS DONNELLY,

Bannockburn.

C H R I S T C H U R C H G R E A T
AUTUMN HANDICAP
(To be run on April 14, 1879).

M R A. A. C A M E R O N
Has opened his

ANNUAL CONSULTATION ON THE ABOVE IMPORTANT EVENT.

4,000 Member at 20s Each.

First (definite) £1,000

Second (definite) 500

Third (definite) 300

Other starters (divided) 800

Non-starters (divided) 1,400

£4,000

Exchange, 1s, for cheques. Two stamps required, one for reply and one for result.

ALFRED A. CAMERON,

Box 251; or, Prince of Wales Hotel, Dunedin.

C A U T I O N
BOOT DEALERS, MINERS & GENERAL STOREKEEPERS

Are Warned against Buying

MINING GUM BOOTS

Got up to resemble the manufacture of

NORTH BRITISH RUBBER COMPANY,

And so closely copied both in name and

appearance as to deceive all

but the most careful

purchasers.

All the Boots manufactured by the North British Rubber Company bear, on the heel and instep, the words "North British Rubber Company, Edinburgh," and inside the thigh are stamped, with the seal of the Company, a Pair of Scales Suspended from a Dagger.

NEILL and CO.,

Bond-street, Dunedin,

Sole Agents for the North British Co.

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Vineyard County Gazette.

DEPASTURING REGULATIONS.

The attention of owners of Pigs and Goats is called to Section 13 of the Depasturing Regulations, whereby it is ordained that any person or persons who shall suffer any Pig or Goat to be at large within the Depasturing Districts of Dunstan or Cromwell shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10 for the first offence, and £20 for any second or subsequent offence.

The Ranger is instructed to prosecute all persons offending against this regulation, and to impound and destroy all Goats for which an owner cannot be found.

VINCENT PYKE,
Chairman.

County Offices, Clyde,
March 12, 1879.

KAITANGATA RELIEF FUND.

Persons desirous of Subscribing to above are informed that a SUBSCRIPTION LIST lies at my office.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Mayor.

£1 R E W A R D.

LOST, on Cromwell Commonage, a White Cow, with red head, branded 'J' in a circle on near rump.

Above Reward paid on delivery to E. Murrell, Cromwell.

WANTED, OWNER for BAG of CLOTHING, miscarried to Bannockburn, marked "J. G." Supposed to belong to a passenger per ship, "Wellington." Owner can have same by paying expenses, on applying at Office of this Paper, or to

JAMES BEGG,
Bannockburn.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

TENDERS will be received till Noon of FRIDAY, 28th March, for Laying 3000ft of Water-pipes.

Specifications can be seen at the Town Clerk's office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.

AN ENTERTAINMENT,
In aid of
ST. ANDREW'S PARSONAGE BUILDING FUND,

Will be held on

FRIDAY EVENING, 25th APRIL,
In the

CROMWELL ATHENAEUM.

PROGRAMME IN FUTURE ISSUE.

BENDIGO PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A CONCERT AND BALL.

In aid of funds of above, will be held in CAMERON'S HALL, LOGANTOWN,

ON

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL, 1879.

Tickets of admission: Single, 5s; Double, 7s 6d.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

Concert to commence at 7.30 p.m.

WM. M. CAMERON,
Secretary.

OTAGO GOLD FIELDS.

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,
Cromwell, March 12, 1879.

To the Warden, Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a Lease of Land for agricultural purposes, situate at east side of section 8, block III., Cromwell District, and comprising 15 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on the 28th day of March, 1879.

W. L. SIMPSON,

Warden.

FOR SALE.

About 400 BLUE GUMS, ready for trans-planting.

Apply to
JOHN WERNER,
Lowburn.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
CROMWELL.

REV. MR LOTHIAN, of Alexandra will hold DIVINE SERVICE on SABBATH FIRST, 23rd instant, as under:

Kawarau Gorge ... 11 a.m.
Bannockburn ... 3 p.m.
Cromwell ... 7 p.m.

WAKATIPU ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

MR. MANDERS
Will be glad to MEET the CARDRONA portion of his Constituency

AT LA FRANCHI'S HOTEL
ON MARCH 19th,
At 7 p.m.;

And the Residents of WANAKA,
AT RUSSELL'S HOTEL, PEMBROKE,

ON MARCH 20th,
At 7 p.m.;

To take into consideration the present state of affairs Politically.

Queenstown, 3rd March, 1879.

FOR SALE.

MERINO STUD SHEEP.

F. H. DANIEL & CO. have for Sale, on account of Messrs Boyes Brothers,

240 high-class Merino Rams, four-toothed, imported from Victoria a few months ago, and in splendid condition

11 magnificent Rams (imported) eight-toothed

3 magnificent Rams (imported) four-toothed

149 Hogget Rams, progeny of imported stock

391 very superior Ewes, eight-toothed (mostly imported)

53 very superior Ewes, six-toothed

99 do do do, four-toothed

153 do do do, two-toothed

170 do do do, lambs

The above Sheep are all fine-wooled Merinos, and those imported have been chosen from some of the purest flocks of Australia. They are in splendid condition. If not sold privately, will shortly be submitted to public auction.

For further particulars, apply to

F. H. DANIEL & CO.,
Auctioneers, Queenstown.

WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH,

At 1 p.m.

At Tuohy's Yards, Cardrona.

CATTLE! CATTLE!!

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
under instructions from the Mortgagees,

will sell by public auction, at Tuohy's Yards, Cardrona, on Wednesday, 19th March, at 1 p.m.

About 15 head mixed Cattle
1 2-year-old Colt.

TERMS CASH.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

OTAGO GOLD FIELDS.

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,

Cromwell, March 17, 1879.

To the Warden at Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a Lease of Land for agricultural purposes, situate at Block I., Tarras District, being Sections 9, 10 and 19, and comprising 168 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

THOMAS BAIRD,
Per B. R. Baird, authorised Agent.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on the 4th day of April, 1879.

W. L. SIMPSON,

Warden.

SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH,

At 12, sharp.

VALUABLE

TOWN PROPERTY
IN CROMWELL

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE,

Unless previously disposed of privately.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
under instructions from the Mortgagee, will submit to public competition, unless previously disposed of privately, on Saturday, 22nd March, at noon, in the Town Hall,

Sections 4, block II., Cromwell, now in the occupation of Mr Owen Pierce as a butcher's shop.

Sections 3, 10, 11 and 12, block XVII., being 21a 1r 16p, securely fenced and cultivated.

Section 2, block I., Cromwell district.

The above Lots have long been acknowledged the pick of the Sections in Block XVII. The position of Section 4, Block II. is unsurpassed in Cromwell, and the Buildings are of a substantial character.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH,

At 3 p.m.

At Stuart's Yards.

EXPRESS WAGGON, HORSES,
&c., &c., &c.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH
will sell by auction, at Stuart's Yards, on Saturday, 22nd March, at 3 o'clock,

Express Waggon

Horses

Watches

Double-barrelled Guns

Eight-day Clock

Double and Single Iron Bedsteads

Bedding

Chairs

Pictures

And sundry articles.

TERMS CASH.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next 'Frisco mail will close here on Monday, 24th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

W. WARD, Postmaster.

DEATH.

At Perth, Western Australia, on the 27th February, in the 59th year of his age, Mr William Barnard—one of the oldest settlers in that colony, and the only surviving brother of Mr Edward Barnard, of Bannockburn.

CROMWELL ARGUS,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1879.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

DUNEDIN, March 18, 1.35 p.m.

The Christchurch fête in aid of the Kaitangata fund, realised £850 (?)

Watt, R.M., has delivered judgment in the cases "Police v. Dodson," "Police v. Drake and Collins." The first-named was charged with allowing gambling in his licensed house, and with getting up "consultations." Dodson was fined £5 and costs, and Drake and Collins £10. It is probable the decisions will be appealed against.

At the Palmerston races, Vampire won the principal race, with Chancellor 2nd, York won the Shag Valley Handicap, with Cloth of Gold 2nd. There was grossly improper riding in the Novel Race. Blue Bell, her owner, M'Donald and jockey, M'Hedson, were disqualified.

At the Hawkes Bay meeting, Sinking Fund won the cup of 250 sovs; Little Wonder, 2; Lara, 3.

Lord Harris' team is unable to play here, owing to having to catch the mail steamer at Auckland.

Several fires are reported from different parts of the colony. At Christchurch, Schwarz, tobacconist, has been arrested on a charge of attempted incendiarism. His stock was heavily insured for £1,800.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, March 15.

Latest Cape news is that the Zulus are inactive. In consequence of the arrival of the frigate "Shah," with reinforcements

from St. Helena, the commander-in-chief has decided to send a relieving force to Colonel Pearson at Kowe.

Hauffmann has resigned the governorship of Turkistan.

With the exception of one village the whole Astrakan territory has been declared in a state quarantine consequent on the plague.

The *Saturday Review*, in referring to the Victorian embassy, says "fearing the system of tacking bills on to the Appropriation Act may be renewed unless the Constitution be altered, it approves of the Berry nominee Council, and thinks the Secretary for the Colonies might usefully mediate in present crisis."

Berry met Earls Granville and Derby and Messrs Gladstone and Lowe at a dinner given by the chairman of the Eastern Extension Company. Berry is anxious to be credited with moderation, and had an argument with Earl Granville on protection tariff.

The money market is easy. Large supplies are available for commercial requirements, which are very moderate.

Consols, 96½; Australian securities are remarkably firm; New Zealand 4½ per cents. (February, July and August) are now quoted at 97.

The wool market is developing weakness as sales progress. Present sales close on the 27th.

In the corn market, the recent shipments of New Zealand wheat have been of good quality, and realised 48s.

Yesterday was kept as a holiday by the principal business people of Cromwell, whose premises were closed throughout the day, as were also the Banks. Quietness reigned in the town, Wanaka and the Bannockburn being the points of attraction for residents.

The personal effects of the late Mr John McLean, of Morven Hills, were submitted to the hammer by Mr Colclough on Saturday last. Good prices were realised, the buyers being principally connected with the station, who desired to secure some memento of the late much-respected deceased.

The Municipal authorities invite tenders for laying water-pipes along a number of streets on the terrace. The pipes arrived last week, and no time will be lost in affording a considerable number of ratepayers the advantages of a liberal and constant supply of pure water for domestic and irrigation purposes.

Mr Manders, M.H.R. for the Wakatipu district, announces his intention of addressing his constituents at Carltona to-morrow evening, and those in the Wanaka electorate on Thursday night at Mrs Russell's hotel. The *Dunstan Times* hears that it is the intention of Mr Pyke also to have a word with his constituents before Parliament meets.

The cricket match between Eleven of the Cromwell Club and Fifteen of Wanaka proved, as we anticipated, a most enjoyable affair. The weather was delightful, and the whole country-side turned out to witness the game, which resulted in favor of the Cromwell men. The visitors were treated in princely fashion, and speak in the highest terms of the pleasures they enjoyed. We hope to give a full report next week.

Resulting in some degree from the District Prize Firing, a match was arranged between twelve men from the Arrow Rifles and a like number from the Queenstown Corps

The Hon. W. Fox is about to make a tour of the Goldfields in the cause of temperance.

At last week's meeting of the Education Board a grant of £20 for school buildings was made in favor of Bendigo.

By the falling of a tree while cutting in the bush at Kumara on 16th instant, a miner named David Hornsby was killed.

A note should be made of the fact that the hour of departure of the s.s. "Mountaineer" from Queenstown to Kingston has been altered from 10 a.m. to 9.30.

The Assessment Court for the Borough of Cromwell was adjourned last week till Friday next, for the attendance of Mr G. B. Aitken, valuer, who did not put in an appearance.

At the Banco sittings of the Supreme Court on Wednesday, an order was granted making a call of 3d per share on the contributors in the Bendigo Deep Level Co.

In the recent election of three members to the Education Board, Mr Fraer received 84 votes; Mr Ramsay, 73; and Mr Green, 62. Mr Strode led the unsuccessful candidates with 41 votes.

Rev. Mr Lothian, Presbyterian clergyman at Alexandra, exchanges pulpits with Mr Blackie next Sunday, and will hold services in the Cromwell district as per advertisement published elsewhere.

A number of valuable greyhounds have been poisoned in Milton of late. The Herald says it is suspected that the forthcoming Waterloo Cup has something to do with the wholesale slaughter of likely dogs.

We notice that flour is being largely imported from Australia for our Northern ports and the West Coast. With reapers and binders, Otago and Canterbury should be able to keep Australia out of the field.

The acceptances for the Christchurch Great Autumn Handicap have been published. They are: Fishhook, Maritana, Undine, Natator, Chancellor, Lara, Foul Play, Mata, Laertes, Templeton, Titania, Orange Lightning, Vampire, Cambello, Nemo, Naiad, and Longlands.

The New South Wales Assembly has passed a Bill imposing a poll-tax of £10 on Chinese. The steamer Brisbane recently arrived at Sydney with a load of Celestials from Port Darwin, and she reported another thousand on the way.

Colonel Brett, who is known as a strict disciplinarian, is likely to be defendant in an action at law for causing the arrest of a constable who neglected to salute him on entering the Licensing Court at Malvern, of which Colonel Brett is a Commissioner.

We are informed that a movement is on foot to introduce the Early Closing system amongst our local tradesmen. Seven o'clock is the hour at which they are to be asked to close their places of business. This is a movement which has our hearty sympathy, and we trust it will be a successful one.

Only two objections against County valuation in the Northern Ridings were lodged at the Assessment Court which sat on Saturday. One, by Mr M'Phail, manager of Morven Hills Station, was not sustained; in the other, Mr Stewart, of Makarora, had the valuation of his leasehold reduced by £70.

A well-deserved compliment was paid by the teachers of Otago and Southland to Mr John Hislop, Secretary for Education, on Saturday last. Mr Hislop was presented with a silver cup, weighing 105ozs and valued at £80, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the cause of education while Secretary and Inspector of Schools to the Provincial Board.

Our Arrow correspondent gives details of a dreadful accident that has happened to Mr John Henderson, an old and esteemed resident of the Wakatipu district. Mr Henderson will be known to many people in this and the Wanaka divisions as being engaged about twelve months since in the timber trade at the latter place.

Attention is directed to a notice elsewhere under the hand of the County Chairman, threatening dire destruction to predatory goats and pigs found within the County bounds. It would be a blessing if our Municipal ruler would display as decided an aversion to the first-named of these "varmints" within the town boundary.

Surrounding appearances just now indicate a heavy rainfall shortly, but this has been so often the case of late without results, that we have come to look upon atmospheric appearances as specially deceitful. A steady twelve hour's rain would do a world of good at the present season, as in the chief mining centres idleness is enforced for lack of water. Pasturage, too, sadly needs renovation.

From Invercargill we learn 340 men from ten companies have accepted for the Volunteer Demonstration. 28 companies were invited. If the remainder accept in the same proportion over 1,000 men will be present. The free trip through the Island is doubtless the great inducement. The public are subscribing well, several 10-guinea subscriptions and a large number of five guineas having been received by the committee.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Council meets on Wednesday week, at Clyde. We have to thank the County Clerk for courteously forwarding to this office copy of Order Paper showing the business to be transacted by notice. We give therefrom the principal items to be dealt with.

Cr Colclough to move: That tenders be invited for the supply of tools and materials as per schedule, deliverable at Clyde, Cromwell and Blacks for 12 months.

Cr Colclough to move: That tenders be invited for the County account from the three local banking institutions.

Cr Naylor to move: That the resolution

passed at the last meeting respecting the re-erection of the Clyde bridge be altered, so as to read as follows:—"That the engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the re-erection of a bridge at Clyde as soon as plans and specifications have been completed for bridges already approved of."

Cr Colclough to move: That a few daymen be put on the Cardrona track-road to repair damages by the floods, and otherwise clear the road so as to be practicable.

Cr Jolly to move: That a committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon Mr Timothy Gorman's claim for compensation, re Kirtleburn road passing through his private property.

Cr Jolly to move: That the Engineer be instructed to report at next meeting of the Council, as to the necessity for raising 10 chains of the road leading to the Albert Town punt, on the west side of the river, about 4ft above the present level, and otherwise protecting the road from the river encroachment.

Cr Jolly to move: That the Engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of maintaining the different main County roads for the season ending March 31st, 1880, applications to be called for persons willing to undertake the various works at stated prices to be fixed by the Council. The successful applicant to provide horse and dray for the more efficient carrying out of his contract.

Councillor Naylor to move: That the sum of £40 be granted to Mr W. G. Rees, for repairs to the road between Little Valley and Robinson's crossing, Manuherikia River.

Councillor Colclough to move: That, as the newly-made Lindis road, only requires to cross the river at one place and where facilities exist for a light suspension bridge, the Engineer be instructed to report as to the feasibility of utilizing the two chair wire-ropes at Macandrew Bridge after opening of said bridge, by placing them at the Lindis crossing referred to as part of a pack-bridge, and generally to report on the scheme.

Councillor Colclough to move: That tenders be invited for the construction of the road Rocky Point to Quartz-reef Point.

Councillor Naylor to move: That the applications of James Maxwell and Alexander Patterson for relief and assistance whilst disabled from work by accidents received in the County service be considered and dealt with by the Council.

The schedule of votes required by the Engineer shows:—Tinker's to Drybread, and Lauder, £10; Drybread to Blacks, £300; Clyde Punt, £620; Alexandra to Doctor's Point, £106; Kirtleburn Bridge, £65; Macandrew Bridge, £20; Clyde Ferry, £85; Lindis Punt, £600; Lindis Road, £450; Albert Town Punt, £295; Albert Town to Hawea Flat, £100; Albert Town to head of Lake Wanaka, £500.

ORDINATION OF REV. J. LOTHIAN.

On Tuesday the 11th inst., the Presbytery of Clutha inducted the Rev. John Lothian into the pastoral charge of Alexandra, Clyde and surrounding districts. After an excellent discourse by the Rev. J. M. Allan, of Inch-Clutha, from 1 Cor. II., 2, Mr Lothian was ordained. According to a time-honored custom, the Rev. Jas. Chisholm, of Tokomairiro, addressed the newly-ordained minister, giving him words of counsel and encouragement as a brother who had some experience in the ministry. The Rev. D. Borrie, of Waihola, then addressed the people, and in a few pointed, earnest words urged upon them their duty, now that they had called a minister, to make conscience of waiting upon his ministry. He besought them not to allow mere trifles to interfere with their attendance at church. He showed that irregularity in this respect was hurtful both to minister and people; that many a man and woman by staying away from church every now and then, lost the very truths which would have been to their advantage to have heard; and that many a good sermon is spoilt just because the minister is disheartened by the thought that few would come on Sabbath to hear it.

The Rev. John Lothian has already been laboring for a considerable time in this district, and we trust, now that he is settled in the district, his influence for good will ever be on the increase, and that the district will ever have cause to look back with satisfaction upon the step they have now taken in calling Mr Lothian to be their minister.

In honor of the occasion, the congregation had a very enjoyable social gathering in the Athenaeum Hall, kindly granted by his Worship the Mayor. All having partaken of a first-rate tea, which did credit to the ladies of the congregation, Mr Lothian took the chair, and (to make a long story short) a very enjoyable evening was spent in listening to good singing and speechifying and looking round upon the joyous faces of those present. Towards the close, we had great pleasure in witnessing the presentation by Mr Finlay, on behalf of the congregation, of a handsome family Bible to Mr Thompson, the precentor, as an acknowledgement of his valuable services. After the usual votes of thanks, the evening's proceedings were brought to a close, and everybody seemed to go away well pleased with themselves and with the social gathering; and we trust that Mr Lothian and his people may be long spared to work prosperously and harmoniously together, and may they have many such enjoyable and profitable meetings.

A New York police officer, seeing a nigger whom he knew, exclaimed, "Ah, Sambo, you are an honest, faithful fellow, I will give you a drink." "Wid all my heart, sir," said Sambo; "wid all dis child's heart. Some niggers are hauty and proud, and won't stoop to drink wid a police-officer; but dat's wrong, I think a police-officer most, if not ebry way, as good as a nigger—pecially when that nigger's dry."

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The usual fortnightly meeting of above body was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening.

Present—The Mayor, Councillors Arndt, Solomon, Scott, Stuart, Dawkins, Wishart, and Goodger.

Minutes of previous ordinary and a special meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence outward and inward was read approved and received. The latter consisted of acknowledgment of receipt of copies of Cromwell Borough by-laws by Town Clerks of Alexandra and Queenstown, and notice from C. Colclough of his intention to apply for rehearing of case "Cromwell Borough v. C. Colclough," claim for ground-rent. From Under-Secretary, acknowledging receipt of copy of by-laws.

WATERWORKS EXTENSION.

The subjoined report from the Waterworks Committee on above subject was read and adopted, on the motion of Crs Arndt and Scott:

We have the honor to report that we have carefully examined to ascertain the most suitable streets for laying down the new water-pipes ordered, and also where in our opinion they are most required. After due consideration, the undernamed streets appear to require water most:—

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|---|-------|
| Along Ramsbottom st. from Silcox-st. to Achil-st. | 1,023 |
| From English Church to Ortive-st. | 1,122 |
| From Ortive-st. to Gay st. | 467 |
| From Ray st. to Mr Drake's residence | 467 |
| Along Ray st. from Blyth to Achil-st. | 859 |

You will see that the length required for all the streets we have recommended is 3,927ft, but as only 3,000ft have been ordered, it becomes necessary to decide what part of the plan should be omitted.

The distance from Blyth-street to Achil-street is 859ft. The only residence which would be supplied is that of Mr Jolly; as this would entail an outlay of from £30 to £40, your committee beg to suggest that this part of the scheme be allowed to stand over for a time.

Proposed by Cr Arndt, seconded by Cr Stuart, and carried—That tenders be called for laying waterpipes on the terrace, and that specification for the work be prepared by the Waterworks Committee.

ACCOUNTS.

Messrs Grant and MacKellar's account for £155 3s 8d, water pipes and connections, was passed for payment. Accounts from Parke and Curle (£20, fire-plugs) and A. and T. Burt (£14 10s 6d, hose) were ordered to stand over.

WAYS AND MEANS.

In connection with Grant and MacKellar's account, the question of ways and means cropped up. His Worship remarked that the Corporation account was already largely overdrawn at the Bank, and steps must be taken to reduce it. This naturally brought up the matter of arrears of rates due and rents payable to the Borough, and a long and animated discussion ensued. Ultimately it was resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to request the Corporation Solicitor to at once sue for all arrears of rates and rents.

STREET NARROWING.

In reference to the action taken by previous Council in this matter, Cr Goodger proposed—That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to take steps to amend any error committed in the narrowing of Melmore-street. Seconded by Cr Wishart.

An amendment was proposed by Cr Dawkins seconded by Cr Scott, That no further steps be taken in the matter.

The Mayor ruled that he could not accept the amendment, as it would have the effect of rescinding a motion passed at a previous meeting; to do this would require notice of motion.

On the motion being put, there voted for it only the proposer and seconder, other Councillors voting against it.

Some further recriminatory remarks were indulged in, and the Mayor closed proceedings by vacating the chair.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 17.

A sad accident happened last Thursday to Mr John Henderson when working his steam thrashing mill at Mr Kirkpatrick's farm at Speargrass Flat. It appears that Mr Henderson was on top of the machine near the drum, and one of his legs was drawn, by some means not yet known, into the revolving cog-wheels that convey the sheaves into the mill, and it was immediately cut off below the knee.

A young man observing the dreadful position of Mr Henderson, threw himself against the machinery and put it out of gear, thus saving him from being drawn into the machine and from dreadful and inevitable death. As it was,

a considerable time elapsed before the sufferer could be extricated from the cog-wheels, as portions of the machinery had to be taken

to pieces to release him. Surgical aid was

procured as soon as possible, and I hear that

Mr Henderson is progressing favorably. He

is greatly respected in the district, and every

sympathy is expressed for his misfortune.

During the past week Arrowtown has been full of visitors, mostly from the great centres—Dunedin and Christchurch; the Macetown reefs have caused general attention, and it must have been highly gratifying to the local shareholders to point to the result of the first wholesale crushing made from the Tipperary reef, as the cake of 834ozs was lying on view in the Bank of New Zealand that week. It may now be safely said that

a grand future lies before us—a future that will certainly take a considerable outlay of capital to develop in the shape of labor for prospecting and machinery. But the metal is there, and it has to be extracted. There are many lines of reef equally good-looking as the Tipperary and only requiring a few hundred's outlay to prove their payable character. The golden shoot in the Tipperary was discovered by a mere fluke—two hard-up Celestials having been given permission by the shareholders to sluice away the cap of the reef, and allowed to keep any loose gold they saved in their tail-race. "John" kept things dark for a time, but eventually it transpired that rich gold existed in the reef, and that the Chinamen had cleared out with over £1,000 worth of metal from a very small portion of the surface of the reef. This was a somewhat novel way to employ Chinese labor to prospect for golden reefs, and I think in the present instance dearly bought labor. However, that may be, "John" has the credit of the discovery of gold in one of the grandest reefs in the district.

A friendly match takes place here to-day between the Arrow and Queenstown Volunteer companies; 12 men aside, and the ranges are to be, 200, 400, and 600 yards; seven shots at each range. As all the cracks of both corps are included in the teams, good scoring may be expected.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

Bolton and Farnham v. Campbell and McLean—In this case, an action to recover £45, balance of amount alleged to be due on race-cutting contract, his Worship had reserved judgment from previous sitting. After reviewing the features of the case, judgment was given for £23 10s and costs.

In the action "Corporation of Cromwell v. C. Colclough," claim for £60, ground-rent, his Worship entered judgment for amount, less £27 5s 2d, amount of rates deducted, with costs.

J. Saul v. R. Cayford—Claim for £9 7s 6d, damage alleged to have been done to a spring-cart, lent by plaintiff to defendant. After hearing a lot of contradictory evidence, judgment was recorded for £5, and costs.

J. Saul v. J. Wilson—Claim for £16, debt. Plaintiff nonsuited on non-joinder.

R. Wishart v. J. Guthrie—Claim for £6 17s 8d, debt. Judgment by default, with costs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

(Before his Worship the Mayor.)

Two drunkards, who had enjoyed St. Patrick's Day, "not wisely, but too well," expressed their sorrow for so doing, and were ordered to pay 10s and 20s respectively, with the usual alternative.

WARDEN'S COURT.

(Before W. L. Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Extended claims—J. Perriam and another, 2 acres, Kawarau Gorge; Ling Tim, 1 acre, Shepherd's Creek:—granted.

Protection for 90 days each was granted the following applicants:—J. Hancock and others, Bailey's gully; N. M' Lellan, Smith's gully.

Extremely Awkward.

Some years ago old Judge—, of Maine, accompanied by his good and much beloved wife, visited New York. The Judge "put up" at the "old tavern down by the Battery." Before retiring for the night, and while Mrs ——was tucked away beneath the sheets, the Judge thought he would have a good old-fashioned scrubbing. Having performed his ablutions to his entire satisfaction, and scrubbed himself until his limbs were the color of a fresh boiled lobster, the Judge looked about for some receptacle into which he might turn the contents of his wash-bowl. There was nothing at hand, and rather than summon a servant, the old gentleman conceived the idea of throwing the water out of the window. So mounting a chair, the Judge opened a little square window, which he thought likely opened into a back yard, and deliberately emptied the contents out of the bowl. A howl of rage greeted the ears of the good Judge, accompanied by female cries and loud oaths from a masculine voice. "What the— are you up to?" shouted a voice. "What the— are you prowling around at this time of night for?" replied the Judge. "You ought to be at home with your wife and children." In point of fact, the poor fellow, who had good reason to be angry, was quietly sleeping in bed with his better half, and the window which the Judge had opened was intended as a ventilator for both rooms. The Judge had so completely drowned out his neighbors that they were obliged to seek another room.

Bleeding at the nose can be stopped by telling a man that his parents were born in a poor house. His nose will stop and yours will

Original Correspondence.

JOURNALISTIC AMENITIES.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS,
SIR.—The following local appeared in the Arrow Observer of the 27th ult.—

The *Otago Witness* appears at present to be particularly unhappy in its choice of a correspondent in Lake County; and almost weekly some absurd, one-sided, or utterly false statement is made in its columns, calling forth a deal of unfavorable comment. More than one denial has appeared in the Dunedin papers, and persons who are fully conversant with what is transpiring in the district as regards reeving and general matters are not likely to be misled. But there are others outside who get a false impression from the statements made; and to save a most important movement from injury at the hands of an ill-informed and prejudiced writer we will briefly refer to a paragraph which, for misrepresentation and egotism, is a perfect model. It is as follows:—"The proposed Arrow hospital is not meeting with much support outside a certain circle. People who take a rational view of the movement are keeping aloof from it." For a direct lie to this we need only refer our readers to the report of the Arrow District Hospital Committee meeting on Saturday evening last. The question of whether the few who hold aloof are all the rational men of the district is open to question—at any rate so far as the writer is concerned.

In answer to this onslaught, I addressed a letter to the editor of the *Arrow Observer* as follows:—

"SIR.—In your issue of the 27th ultimo appears a local, which is calculated to do the writer and the paper in the columns of which it appears a perhaps unintentional injury. As I have a great regard for the *Arrow Observer* and its editor, I feel called upon to mitigate as far as possible the evil the local may do. The following is the paragraph as it appeared in my letter to the *Witness*:

"The proposed Arrow Hospital is not meeting with much support outside a certain circle. People who take a rational view of the movement are keeping aloof from it, as such an institution is beyond the means of the place, and its necessity problematical, judging by the sanitary state of the past.

"The writer of the local in the *A. O.* was perhaps aware of the truth of the concluding sentences, and accepted them as generally known throughout the district, and for that reason considered them superfluous in his quotation. In conclusion, I have to remark, that the strictures passed upon the Lake County correspondent for the *Otago Witness*, savoring, as they do, more of choice than of necessity, can reflect only upon the writer of the local in the *A. O.*—I am, &c.,

LAKE COUNTY CORRESPONDENT,
Otago Daily Times and Witness."

The editor of the *A. O.*, after promising me two days before publication of the issue of the 6th inst. that he would insert the above letter, still managed to crowd it out. This, however, is quite in keeping with the general management of the paper, which, being conducted by a young person, who is still new to his position should not be too severely criticized; but I may point out to him, by way of friendly advice, that to publish, as he did lately, criticism from the Dunedin *Star* on my articles on the Maccotown reefs, and not insert my reply to that criticism, although it appeared in the *Daily Times* so far back as the 27th ult., is not dealing fairly with the subscribers of the *A. O.*, who have a right and look to him (the young person of the *A. O.*) to be properly informed. I may also mention, for the benefit of the young person of the *A. O.*, that bandying the lie, and threatening kicks, is not quite in keeping with the rules of journalistic etiquette; yet even this does not entitle people to call, as they do, the *A. O.* the "Arrow rag," or even the "Arrow muck."

When a young person, intended by nature and by education for a scavenger, finds himself pitch-forked into the precarious position of a dummy editor, he is a fit object for general pity and commiseration, but when prejudice or narrow-mindedness prevent him from doing justice to his readers, leading them upon the ice by onesided representations, he is deserving of contempt.

I may also inform the young person of the *A. O.* that newspaper correspondents are appointed to give truthful accounts of passing events, for the benefit of the readers of the papers on whose behalf they act, and if here and there a young person disagrees with any remarks, he (the young person) does not display any power of penetration by applying the lie to everything that lies beyond his comprehension. I trust that the young person of the *A. O.*, who is a very young person, and altogether a very nice young person, will profit by my remarks, and should he be in need of any further advice and assistance I shall at all times be happy to furnish it. In the meantime, I beg to recommend the readers of the *A. O.* to treat with leniency the young man at the head of the staff, and not expect too much from him, even in respect of fairplay.—I am, &c.,

LAKE COUNTY CORRESPONDENT,
Otago Daily Times and Witness.

Arrowtown, March 13th, 1879.

The unprecedented calamities caused by the floods, and the very serious losses sustained throughout this district, render it more than ever satisfactory to W. TALBOYS, of the London House, that he is in a position to mitigate the evil to some degree by offering his Drapery and Groceries at exceedingly low prices. His Groceries, of which he has laid in a large stock, are quoted in another column fully 25 per cent. below ordinary retail rates. The drapery prices are bearing fruit everyday.—W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell.—[Advt.]

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

DISTRICT PRIZE FIRING.

The annual competition for Government prizes was completed on Friday last, when the Cromwell company finished. The Queenstown and Arrow Rifles fired last week, some members of the first-named making remarkably good scores. It had been arranged that a company cup, value £12 12s, subscribed by the commissioned officers of the three companies, and a silver medal, value £3 3s, should go with the money prizes. The cup to be won twice by any one company before it becomes absolute property. The aggregate of five highest scorers in each corps to be computed, and the largest number of points to win. The medal to be presented to the top scorer in the District. The Cromwell men were on their mettle, and manifested great interest in the competition during the days set apart for firing. Although there were two seventies to beat, yet they were not hopeless of achieving success, and every effort was made to attain the maximum score of Bodkin and Vause. But although more than one came very near three score and ten, yet all fell short of it, and the first and second prizes fall to the Volunteers above-named, who have for a long time maintained the reputation of good shots in the Queenstown company. But the honor of winning the cup was even more thought of than the money prizes, and although five of Queenstown averaged over 66 points, yet up to the last the Cromwell men did not despair of wresting the trophy from them. When the last squad fired at Bannockburn on Friday morning, the result looked very promising, but unfortunately for the local company, on totting up, the average was found to be one point below Queenstown, where the cup goes for the first year. In the money prizes, the Arrow company has been singularly unfortunate this year, not a single one going there. Last competition, that company took two medals and the lion's share of the money. Queenstown takes the two first and the two last prizes, Cromwell securing the intermediate four. The shooting throughout has been remarkably good, showing a great improvement on former years. It is only fair to say that some of the Cromwell best marksmen fired under the disadvantage of a baffling breeze, but for which their scores would probably have been handsome ones. The range is in respect of wind and sun in a very bad locality, and a new site has been chosen for future operations. The firing was conducted under supervision of Sergt. Major Scully. We append the respective scores in detail:—

QUEENSTOWN COMPANY.

| | 200 Yds. | 400 Yds. | 500 Yds. | Tl. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Sergt Bodkin—£4 and medal | 21 | 24 | 25 | — 70 |
| Vol Vause—£3 | 25 | 25 | 20 | — 70 |
| Corp Waldmann—£1 3s 25 | 21 | 19 | 65 | |
| Vol Daniel—£1 | 23 | 24 | 18 | — 65 |
| Vol Wilmot | 22 | 19 | 21 | — 62 |
| Vol Morgan | 24 | 19 | 16 | — 59 |
| Capt Finn | 13 | 21 | 22 | — 56 |
| Vol Shore | 20 | 17 | 16 | — 53 |
| Vol Goulter | 20 | 22 | 10 | — 52 |
| Col-Sergt Boyne | 24 | 24 | 2 | — 50 |
| Vol Bone | 23 | 13 | 9 | — 45 |
| Sergt M'Carthy | 24 | 18 | 2 | — 44 |
| Sergt Cash | 18 | 15 | 5 | — 38 |
| Vol Aldridge | 16 | 5 | 2 | — 23 |

Cup competition—first five men : 332.

CROMWELL COMPANY.

| | 200 Yds. | 400 Yds. | 500 Yds. | Tl. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Vol Pryde—£2 10s | 24 | 24 | 20 | — 68 |
| Sergt Crabb—£2 | 22 | 20 | 25 | — 67 |
| Sub-Lieut Jolly £1 10s 23 | 21 | 23 | 67 | |
| Vol P Thomas—£1 5s 23 | 24 | 20 | 67 | |
| Vol Scott | 21 | 24 | 17 | — 62 |
| Lieut Gudgeon | 18 | 20 | 22 | — 60 |
| Sergt Storey | 22 | 27 | 10 | — 59 |
| Capt Brown | 22 | 23 | 12 | — 57 |
| Corp Graham | 20 | 18 | 18 | — 56 |
| Vol A Aitken | 22 | 23 | 11 | — 56 |
| Corp Ritchie | 21 | 18 | 15 | — 54 |
| Sergt Jeffery | 20 | 14 | 17 | — 51 |
| Col-Sergt Colclough | 22 | 16 | 13 | — 51 |
| Corp Menzies | 16 | 16 | 16 | — 48 |
| Vol Cockburn | 19 | 23 | 5 | — 47 |
| Vol Richards | 11 | 10 | 19 | — 40 |
| Vol Angel | 18 | 13 | 8 | — 39 |
| Vol Moore | 21 | 11 | 2 | — 34 |

Cup competition—first five men : 331.

ARROW COMPANY.

| | 200 Yds. | 400 Yds. | 500 Yds. | Tl. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Capt Jenkins | 21 | 18 | 23 | — 62 |
| Vol M'Hattie | 22 | 18 | 22 | — 62 |
| Vol Gibson | 22 | 20 | 20 | — 62 |
| Sergt Patton | 20 | 23 | 18 | — 61 |
| Sergt Brown | 23 | 22 | 16 | — 61 |
| Lieut Locke | 22 | 21 | 16 | — 59 |
| Vol Tuiney | 21 | 20 | 16 | — 57 |
| Lieut Healey | 18 | 24 | 13 | — 55 |
| Sergt M'Whirter | 20 | 22 | 12 | — 54 |
| Capt Aldred | 22 | 18 | 13 | — 53 |
| Vol Cable | 20 | 23 | 10 | — 53 |
| Corp Perrelle | 22 | 16 | 14 | — 52 |
| Vol Gazzard | 21 | 20 | 11 | — 52 |
| Vol Kirk | 21 | 12 | 16 | — 49 |
| Vol Hay | 17 | 13 | 10 | — 40 |

Cup competition—first five men : 301

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The non-commissioned officers of the Cromwell Company having determined to give a prize for competition, it was arranged that the first firing for the trophy should take place at Bannockburn on the anniversary day of St. Patrick. Accordingly there was a large muster of the company on the range at Bannockburn yesterday, as well as many civilians, who took great interest in the match. The Volunteer Band was also present and played at intervals. Twenty-two men entered, and darkness prevented all getting through at the long range. A stiff breeze prevailed across the range, and consequently the shooting was scarcely up to the average. It was arranged that those of the Bannockburn contingent who had been unable to complete the 500yds range should do so on Friday morning, and the Cromwell men at the same time, both at home targets. The second competition comes off on Saturday, on the Cromwell range. The scores of those who completed yesterday are—

| Hdcp. | 200 Yds. | 400 Yds. | 500 Yds. | Tl. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Capt Brown | — | 22 | 14 | — 50 |
| Lieut Gudgeon | — | 22 | 18 | 7 — 47 |
| Sub-Lieut Jolly | — | 21 | 23 | 23 — 67 |
| Sergt Crabb | — | 18 | 18 | 16 — 52 |
| Sergt Jeffery | 12 | 19 | 21 | 11 — 63 |
| Sergt Story | — | 16 | 19 | 15 — 50 |
| Sergt Graham | 8 | 22 | 16 | 19 — 65 |
| Corp Menzies | 12 | 17 | 18 | 9 — 56 |

It should be explained that the handicap is for the three competitions.

In the final firing which decided the Rifle Championship, there was intense excitement as the last few shots were fired. The scores in the three matches which decided the championship were:—

| 2nd | 5th | 9th | Tl. |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Match. | Match. | Match. | Tl. |
| W. Ballinger, Wellington | 25 | 70 | 86 — 191 |
| T. Hatchinson, North Dunedin | 32 | 69 | 89 — 190 |
| Smith, City Guards | 35 | 68 | 88 — 189 |
| Oakley, Tarakan | 32 | 63 | 94 — 189 |

In contradistinction to above, we notice record of possibly the smallest score ever made in the colony for District prizes. Two men of No. 5 Company Kaiapoi Rifles scored respectively 4 and 9 points out of 21 shots at 400, 500, and 600 yards!

It may be interesting to state that Private W. Ballinger, the rifle champion, is under 20 years of age, having been born at Emerald Hill on the Queen's Birthday, 1859. When he left school, about three years since, he joined the Wellington City Rifles and steadily advanced until he became the premier shot of the corps, holding the medal for the highest scorer at the annual competition. By his latest achievement Mr Ballinger has proved himself a reliable shot. On his arrival at Wellington, all the Volunteers turned out, headed by the Artillery Band, and he was driven through the city with his father and brothers in a carriage, the various corps following with military music.

In response to an invitation from Major Macrorie, the Defence Minister (Colonial Whitmore) has signified his intention to be present at the Invercargill Easter Review, if his public duties will allow.

Referring to the three 7-ton guns and three 64-pounders for the defence of Dunedin port, daily expected by the Benares, the last number of the *N.Z. Volunteer Gazette* says:—"Their cost, with appendage, has been about £6,000, or £1,000 each. Very valuable and costly pieces, our readers will think; but they will be very much surprised to hear that actually no provision has been made for mounting these guns, although their arrival was by no means unexpected—the order for them having been sent Home some months ago. Meanwhile they are to be stored at Port Chalmers, for how long goodness only knows. Government might have saved a considerable sum in interest had they let the guns alone until proper batteries were erected, and spent their £6,000 then. As it is, of what earthly use are these formidable cannons stored at the Port? They might just as well be at Woolwich."

It may not be without interest to Volunteers in this district to learn somewhat of the system upon which the targets and firing arrangements were conducted at the recent Rifle Association meeting at Nelson. The camp at Brightwater was exactly three minutes walk from the railway station. On entering the ground there were three lines of eight bell toots, each 60 feet apart between the lines, and 30 feet between each tent in the lines. At the end of these, near the railway, there was a line of staff tents at right angles to the bell tents. First was the staff officers' tents, next the telegraphic tent, next the office and council room, in the rear of which was the officers' mess tent. Further to the right was the general mess tent, 80 feet by 30 feet, with canteen in front; then stores, cookhouse, &c. In the front of the angle formed by the lines of tents was a fine space of level grass paddock for a parade ground. The whole camp was on a terrace raised about 4ft or 5ft above the level of the range looking to the right. The first target seen was the pool, where, at a six-inch ringing bull's eye, competitors fired away from daylight till dark. To the left of this commenced the targets for the several matches, numbered from right to left one to ten—one to four being up to 300 yards, five to eight up to 600 yards, nine and ten from 700 to 1,000 yards,—in all 10 targets, or five pairs, with the mark's butt between each pair. The mauls were brought close to the target, and the disc marking was carried on through a slot, thus avoiding the necessity of markers exposing themselves to the risk of being shot at each disc, as the back is fitted with flannel saturated with paint, so that when the disc marks the shot the shot mark is washed out. The danger signals were sounding running in slides, and when required for use extended across the front of the target. At the back of each target was a white board, showing the number of the target in large black figures, visible from the several ranges. Each range was marked with a board showing the range, and each firing-point with a small board having the corresponding number painted on it. The firing-points were on the natural level, except at the 600yds, where mounds of about 2ft were erected. By arrangements made three matches were carried on at once.

The harvest prospects in India are gloomy. A serious famine prevails in Upper Egypt. Relief has been forwarded.

Anarchy prevails throughout the Empire of Morocco. It is estimated that before next year half the inhabitants of Morocco will have perished of starvation and disease. The Sultan suffers from paralysis. The British troops are in good health and spirits, but are beginning to weary of the monotony and hardship of the Afghan campaign. They would gladly see it over, and return home.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL NEWS.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Mr Goldie's City West election expenses were £105, and Mr Dignan's £260.

No less a sum than £194 is due to the Dunedin Athenaeum as outstanding subscriptions.

Work at the Melbourne Exhibition Building is being carried on at night with the aid of the electric light.

The Christchurch City Council decline to issue licenses to cabmen who are in the habit of driving about women of ill repute.

It is said that since January 1st of the present year the New Zealand insurance companies have had to pay no less than £95,000 of insurances.

A proclamation bringing the Regulation of Mines Act, 1874, into force in all the Provincial Districts in the colony, has been published in the *Gazette*.

The Invercargill Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution recommending that no bankrupt receive his discharge unless the estate can pay 10s in the pound.

Numerous British manufacturers are applying for space in the Melbourne exhibition. The Belgian, Dutch, and French Governments are also preparing to be represented there.

At Guthrie and Larnach's Woodware Factories a cabinet is being constructed for the Sydney Exhibition, in which it is intended to show the whole of the New Zealand woods in use.

Five pounds have been awarded to Constable Mackay for his services in arresting Brown, *alias* Furnace, recently sentenced at Wellington, for larceny and having skeleton keys in his possession.

Mr John Brent, until recently cook at the Red Lion Hotel, Westport, held the ticket which drew Mata in Tonks' Dunedin Cup Sweep. Mr Brent has since purchased the Hotel, and will be enrolled in the noble army of Licensed Victuallers.

"Oily Dan" is to the fore again, and seems to have found congenial soil in Wellington. His last is, that he has discovered payable gold in that District, and has written to the Hutt County Council, asking them to give him the gold duty for a certain period as a reward.

"Conflammification" is a word brought into existence by a member of the Christchurch City Council. Its utterance plunged the other members into deep thought, and it is understood that a motion will be tabled for the purpose of directing the Clerk to purchase a dictionary for the use of the Councillors.

Suffocated and roasted in a strong-room! This (says the *Post*) was nearly the fate of Mr Campbell, the assistant at the Bank of Australasia, which was burned to the ground in the Masterton fire. When the building caught fire. Mr Campbell was accidentally shut in the strong-room. He shouted from his prison, and his voice was heard as in a whisper from the outside, and he was fortunately released.

The organisation of another New Guinea expedition is still going on at Wellington. 65 applications for passages are stated to have been received, but it is not probable that more than 40 or 50 will be taken. £60 is the amount of passage money asked if passengers wish to return at the end of 12 months, and an extra payment if they should return sooner. Each member is to provide his own outfit and arms.

Mr Patten, Collector of Customs, and officer-in-charge of the Jackson's Bay settlement, handed in to the Commission a statement of expenditure on the settlement, from its initiation up to the 28th February ult. The total, less money charged to the Immigration Department, was £27,522, of this £17,981 10s 11d had been for labor, the item covering the whole work performed by the settlers, the cost of erecting Resident Agent's house and offices at Jackson's Bay and Okura, also 33 miles of roads, a portion of the jetty, and any other public works on the settlement.—*Grey River Argus*.

Sandhurst was thrown into a state of almost unparalleled excitement on March 1 by a rumor that three of the Kelly gang had been captured at Gunbower Island, on the Murray. It was stated that Ned Kelly had escaped, and that six policemen had been killed in the conflict, Dan Kelly and Hart having been left mortally wounded. The newspaper offices were fairly besieged. About 6 o'clock a telegram was received from Kerang, stating that nothing was known of the affair there; but it was not until 8 o'clock that a decided contradiction of the rumor was received from Echuca, and it was long after that hour before the excitement subsided.

"Remittance men are the worst sort of men that the police have to deal with." Such was the remark of Inspector Mallard to the Dunedin Bench a few days ago, when an able-bodied, but very seedy-looking prisoner, charged with vagrancy, pleaded that he was in receipt of money regularly. It is well known, especially to the police, that the greatest social nuisance in the colony are what are termed "remittance men." They are generally indolent, useless and dirty. Other vagrants may be reformed, but not the "remittance men." They have been sent out of the way by their relatives, who remit them their pensions monthly, just to get rid of them. As soon as the draft arrives it is expended in drink and dissipation, and then they beg, borrow and steal, till the next mail brings them relief. It is satisfactory to find that the police are beginning to devote some attention to the "remittance men," and that streets and hotels are being gradually relieved of their presence.

There are 688 miles of railway at present open for traffic in New South Wales.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin intends to visit Melbourne during the exhibition there next year.

On account of the bad crops in Adelaide this season, Government is granting concessions to farmers.

A prospector obtained 60 ounces of gold by two months' work from the North Gipps Land mountains. The locality is not disclosed.

Last week, while in a state of temporary insanity, a man named Thomas Barry, a scene-shifter in the Princes Theatre, Dunedin, committed suicide by poisoning himself with strychnine.

It is said to be the intention of our new Governor to continue his support to racing, and that he has already secured a small string. His headquarters will, it is thought, be at Christchurch.

It is rather significant that Kaitangata means "man-devouring." The Maoris would, after the recent fearful destruction of human life there, have given the place the very name which by a sort of fatal prescience it had already received. Who will say after this that there is nothing in a name?

A novel fireman's dress has recently been received from Home by the Wellington Fire Brigade. It is something like a diver's dress, and is designed to enable a man to enter a building filled with smoke. He is completely enveloped in the uniform, and is supplied with air through pipes communicating with an air-pump outside the burning building. Such a dress as that may enable lives to be saved under circumstances in which, without it, a man could not possibly enter a house, and valuable books and papers thus may be often rescued from the flames.

The Protestant clergy in and around Dunedin have determined in future to attend no funerals on Sundays "except when sanitary reasons require them to do so." The grounds for this determination are that it is considered the practice of Sunday funerals imposes an unnecessary burden on the sextons, undertakers, and others; that it involves a needless demand on the ministers, unfitting them for the evening service; and that, especially in case of a Parade Funeral, it interrupts to a large extent the proper work of the Sunday Schools and the restful quiet suitable to the Lord's Day.

The jury in the Kaitangata enquiry returned the following verdict:—"That Archibald Hodge, through entering the old workings without ordinary precaution and with a naked light, caused an explosion of fire-damp, whereby 34 men and boys lost their lives. That William Hodge had not used the necessary precautions to prevent an explosion of fire-damp in the mine over which he had the management." As a rider, we add "That seeing that there is no law for inspection and supervision in the conduct of mining, we express the necessity of measures being adopted whereby many accidents may in future be averted."

"Nature," a high-class scientific journal, published in England, has a very eulogistic obituary notice of the late Mr Charles Robt. Thatcher, who will be well remembered as a vocalist on the Australian diggings and through New Zealand. After referring to his discovery of an entirely new genus of shell, which Mr C. F. Angas named "Thatcher mirabilis," the notice concludes: "There is no greater loss to conchological science than this gentleman's death, as he was undoubtedly the most successful collector of his day." It appears by this that Mr Thatcher was something more than a mere rhymester.

The *Tuapeka Times* is indebted to Mr Inspector Moore for the following information regarding a human skeleton found on the banks of the Molyneux, at Millars Flat, on Saturday week:—From information received at the Police Station, Roxburgh, on Sunday last, the Constable in charge proceeded to the river bank at Moa Flat, where he found the skeleton of a man, having attached to it a pair of boots and a pair of trousers. Mr William Westcott, of Moa Flat, identified the remains as those of his late brother in-law, Denis Spellacy, who, on the 2nd July, of last year, committed suicide by jumping into the river near the place where the remains have been found.

The crops this year upon Mr M. Studholme's Wainate Estate, Waimate Plain, Canterbury, consists of 2,000 acres of wheat, 1,000 of oats, 80 of barley, and 3,000 of turnips and rape. The wheat and oats have all been cut and stacked; and of about 60,000 bushels of wheat ready for market, 25,000 bushels have been sent to Timaru for shipment. This estate consists of 50,000 acres freehold, with a run attached of 30,000 acres. The whole of the freehold is arable, and is comparatively level, the greater portion being rich alluvial flat land, intersected by creeks. It is divided into paddocks of from 50 to 500 acres. The stock upon the estate consists of 50,000 sheep, 2,500 head of well-bred cattle, 300 horses, and 300 Berkshire pigs.

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The Maerewhenua Goldfields.

Professor Ulrich's visit to Livingstone will be of marked benefit to those goldfields, for

not only does he consider them of vast importance, but he boldly asserts that Victoria, with all its wealth of auriferous ground, cannot produce such another for richness and extent, the one thing lacking being water. With an abundant supply of this precious commodity, the Maerewhenua auriferous area is capable of supporting a very large digging population, and, if in Victoria, would, even with its present limited supply of water, create a heavy rush. The difference of results to miners on the present Victorian diggings and those on the Maerewhenua are very marked. On the one hand the Victorian is well contented with from 30s to 40s per week, while on the other the Maerewhenua makes at least £6, and sometimes as high as £9. Water is worth £2 per Government head, and scarce at that, showing the utility and profit of water-races where gold is concerned. The gold lies in three distinct deposits, one of which extends for miles around. These from the main gold-bearing wash dirt for driving levels, but more or less of the metal is diffused throughout the whole strata from the tussocks to the bed reef, and, of course, is highly payable under the hydraulic system of working. That portion of the goldfield about to be sold by the Government was proved to be exceeding auriferous, one mining party having acknowledged to have made upon it £1,000 during the past year. Others who are engaged in working on this part of the field are preparing to obtain iron piping to concentrate their hydraulic pressure, and thus give them additional power at less water expense. Altogether, Professor Ulrich's inspection and report of this goldfield is highly satisfactory, and should be the means of inspiring our commercial community with sufficient confidence to justify them in assisting the miners to obtain a further supply of water, which can be had to the extent of eight Government heads from the Otekaike river, the first and second rights to which have been applied for, and are now under protection. The distance this race would have to be brought would be about 20 miles; the cost including maintenance for three years, about £10,000; and the levels above the workings, 300ft. The quantity thus brought in to the reservoir would give a steady average of 24 Government heads a day, and would probably pay a company handsome dividends for many years to come for their enterprise in bringing it in. The reservoir found to be most suitable for the storage of water is a very simple affair and easily constructed, being scooped out of the clay formation by means of the hydraulic breach pipe—literally by concentrated water power being directed upon it—and forms a most impervious and well-puddled pond, costing little or nothing. Water delivered from such a high level by means of iron mains to the different claims would give an enormous pressure, and thus enable the miner to work at a comparatively low figure, while the shareholders in the supply would net larger returns.—*New Zealand Times*.

Captain Cook's Statue.

The unveiling of the statue of Captain Cook at Sydney last month was completed with a ceremony altogether worthy of the occasion, and the scene was most magnificent. The townspeople generally observed the holiday, the city was decorated with flags, and the procession composed the whole strength of the naval, military, and Volunteer forces, and large bodies of the Friendly Societies. The streets, windows, and balconies were crowded with spectators. Arrived at the ground, the members of the societies marched into a portion of Hyde Park fenced off on the northern side, and the members of the procession wearing uniform defiled into the enclosure on the south side. The stands were crowded, and a choir, composed of children, was in front. The Governor, Lady Robinson, and other distinguished personages viewed the ceremony from the western stand, the occupants of which enjoyed a magnificent scene across the domain, harbor, and North Head. The mass of human faces alone extended as far as Woolloomooloo street in one direction, and over the greater part of Hyde Park in another. The handsome banners of the various friendly societies, and the innumerable banners waving in the air, formed a sight long to be recollect. 80,000 people were present. At half past 4 the Governor arrived, and was cheered. He spoke for half an hour, giving principally a history of Captain Cook. He said he was glad to perform the ceremony before his departure. Near the close of his speech he said: There has been great progress in Australia in the last hundred years, and I believe there is nothing to be compared with the future. The resources of the country are almost boundless, and its capacity for extension practically unlimited. The next century from Cook's discovery the population will probably not be less than 40,000,000.

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The Electric Light in London.

By far the most successful of the experiments in electric lighting made in this country have just taken place on the Thames Embankment and the Holborn Viaduct, at the instance of the Metropolitan Board of Works. So strong was the light generally diffused that large type could easily be read at fifty, and smaller kinds at thirty, feet from the centre of the lamp-post to which the electric light had been fitted. The effect of the ten electric lights on the Embankment when seen from a distance was not less remarkable than that presented to close observations. From the centre of Westminster bridge they appeared to plunge the part of the river unattained by their rays into the deepest gloom. Far over the river was flung a light amply sufficient for all the purposes of navigation, while near the north shore the illumination was so strong as to elicit loud expressions of astonishment and admiration from the numerous spectators. There could be no possible doubt as to the splendor and efficiency of the light supplied, nor could those who had watched the experiments in the Avenue de l'Opéra, and at the Arc de Triomphe at Paris, refrain from expressing their pleasure at the vast superiority of the lighting of the Thames Embankment. Had both sides of the roadway been illuminated, this superiority would have been made still more apparent; but enough could be seen from the ten lights in use to stamp them as the most effective yet seen in actual practice. One of the reasons of the better behaviour of the Jablochko candle on the Thames Embankment than elsewhere will probably be found in the superior motive-power applied to the generating engine, and the amount of care and skill displayed in firmly fixing and bolting down all the mechanism employed. Thinking it possible that the failure of many attempts at electric lighting were due to the haste with which the apparatus had been set up, Mr Head, of Messrs Ransomes, Sims and Head of Ipswich, took great pains that the 20-horse-power engine lent by his firm for these experiments should be in thorough working order before any attempts at lighting were made, and also that the duplex Gramme machine for generating the alternate currents required by the Jablochko candle, should be so firmly placed as to cause no accidental vibration. The result is a complete success. The experiments on the Holborn Viaduct have also been satisfactory. Sixteen lamps, placed on each alternate lamp-post between Holborn Circus and Newgate-street, were lighted, to the enjoyment of the numerous spectators as each successive circuit of four lamps shone out of the surrounding gloom. So far as could be judged, the gas burning in the alternate lamps on the Viaduct was entirely useless, its yellow rays being completely outshone by its brilliant rival. The quality of the light, as well as the quantity, seems to be establishing it firmly in public favor, and the objections as to the ghastliness of the hue and the weird effect of the deep shadows urged against the light as utilised in Paris have found no echo in London.—*European Mail*.

The Great Wall of China.

The great wall of China was measured in many places by Mr Unthunk, an American engineer, lately engaged in a survey for a Chinese railway. His measurement gives the height at 18ft and a width on the top of 15ft. Every few hundred yards there is a tower 24ft square and from 20 to 25ft high. The foundation of the wall is of solid granite. Mr Unthunk brought with him a brick from the wall, which is supposed to have been made 200 years before the time of Christ. In building this immense stone fence to keep out the Tartars, the builders never attempted to avoid mountains or chasms to save expense. For 1,300 miles the wall goes over plain and mountain, and every foot of the structure is of solid granite, and the rest of the structure solid masonry. In some places the wall is built smooth up against the bank, canyons, or precipices, where there is a sheer descent of 1,000ft. Small streams are arched over, but on the larger streams the wall runs to the water's edge and a tower is built on each side. On the top of the wall there are breastworks, or defences, facing in and out, so the defending forces can pass from one tower to another without being exposed to an enemy from either side. To calculate the time of building or the cost of this wall is beyond human skill. So far as the magnitude of the work is concerned, it surpasses everything in ancient or modern times of which there is any trace. The pyramids of Egypt are nothing compared to it.

Notwithstanding the strong suspicions entertained of the man Sibree as being the murderer of Costello at Westport, and his wife's admission of guilt, the charge has not been brought home to him. Costello's body could not be found at the place indicated by Sibree's wife, and the accused man has been discharged. To all who send communications to the Press: Write upon pages of a single size, Cross your t's and neatly dot your i's. On one side only let your lines be seen—Both sides filled up announce a verdant green. Correct—yes re-correct all that you write, And let your ink be black, your paper white; For spongy foolscap of a muddly blue Betrays a mind of the same dismal hue. Punctuate carefully, for on this score Nothing proclaims the practised writer more.

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